ALBERTA FACTS '86

Alberta

TREASURY

Bureau of Statistics

August, 1986

THE LAND

	(Square Kilometres)
Land	644,392
Freshwater	16,796
TOTAL AREA	661,188

Climate

The province is characterized by considerable variation in temperature between areas and seasons and is moderated significantly by low humidity.

THE PEOPLE

Population — April (est.)

	1976	1986
Alberta	1,825,700	2,378,900
Alberta Population (%) of Canada	8.0	9.3
Population Per Square Kilometre	2.8	3.7

Population by Selected Age Groups — April, 1986 (est.)

Age	Males	Females	Total
0 - 14	292,700	277,600	570,300
15 - 24	205,500	207,700	413,200
25 - 34	249,300	240,600	489,900
35 - 44	166,600	159,700	326,300
45 - 54	109,100	103,300	212,400
55 - 64	86,600	87,300	173,900
65 +	85,300	107,600	192,900
TOTAL	1,195,200	1,183,700	2,378,900

Vital Statistics

	1975	1985
Births	41,624	39,260
Deaths	11,867	14,140
Marriages	17,520	20,290

Population of Alberta Cities — June

	1975	1985
Airdrie	1,437	10,431
Calgary	453,812	625,143
Camrose	9,248	12,751
Drumheller	5,888	6,671
Edmonton (Proper)	451,635	560,085
Fort McMurray	13,393	36,810
Fort Saskatchewan	8,113	12,474
Grande Prairie	16,618	25,056
Leduc	8,214	12,926
Lethbridge	44,522	59,901
Lloydminster (Alta. Portion)	5,994	10,557
Medicine Hat	30,174	41,717
Red Deer	30,107	52,620
St. Albert	21,342	35,897
Spruce Grove	6,135	11,569
Wetaskiwin	6,645	10,022

Municipalities by Type — 1986

	No.
Cities	16
Towns	108
Villages	122
Summer Villages	50
Counties	30
Municipal Districts	20
Improvement Districts	19
Special Areas	3

THE GOVERNMENT

Lieutenant-Governor: Honourable Helen Hunley
Premier: Honourable Don R. Getty

Alberta became a province in 1905. The Alberta provincial legislature has 83 members. The present government is Progressive Conservative. Standings according to parties:

Progressive Conservative	61
New Democrat (Official Opposition)	16
Liberal	4
Representative	2
TOTAL	83

Government Finance	1986/87 (est.) ($ Millions)
Budgetary Revenue*	8,308.0
Budgetary Expenditure	10,803.7
Budgetary Deficit	2,495.7

*Excludes funds allocated to Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

THE ECONOMY

Gross Domestic Product

	1974 ($ Millions)	1984 ($ Millions)
At Market Prices	15,633	57,458
Constant (1971) Dollars	9,688	13,629

Gross Domestic Product by Industry (At Factor Cost)

	1974 ($ Millions)	1984 ($ Millions)
Agriculture*	1,147	1,982
Forestry	28	60
Mining	2,757	15,090
Manufacturing	1,114	3,598
Construction	1,052	2,961
Transportation	1,015	3,787
Utilities	268	1,946
Trade	1,329	4,562
Finance	2,083	12,459
Community, Business & Personal Services	1,975	8,077
Public Administration	775	3,198
TOTAL	13,543	57,719

*Includes Fishing & Trapping

Labour Force*

	1975	1985
Total Labour Force ('000)	822	1,249
Employed ('000)	788	1,123
Unemployed ('000)	34	126
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	10.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	71.9
Employment Population Ratio (%)	63.4	64.7

*Averages based on unrounded monthly estimates

Personal Income

	1974	1984
Personal Income ($ Millions)		
Alberta	9,029	35,840
Canada	116,867	362,086
Per Capita Personal Income ($)		
Alberta	5,243	15,303
Canada	5,226	14,412

Retail Trade

	1975	1985
Retail Trade ($ Millions)		
Alberta	4,555.7	13,523.5
Canada	51,361.5	129,446.3
Per Capita Retail Trade ($)		
Alberta	2,562	5,735
Canada	2,263	5,104

Value of Manufacturing Shipments by Industry

	1975 ($ Millions)	1985* ($ Millions)
Food & Beverages	1,683.7	3,837.0
Furniture & Fixtures	50.1	97.4
Wood	259.5	486.8
Paper & Allied	175.5	453.1
Printing, Publishing & Allied	136.1	575.6
Primary Metal	324.4	749.9
Fabricated Metal Products	288.2	685.0
Machinery	127.4	645.6
Non Metallic Mineral Products	231.1	568.8
Petroleum & Coal Products	700.5	5,151.5
Chemical & Chemical Products	280.7	2,049.0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	32.3	146.9
TOTAL*	4,726.6	16,140.8
Edmonton (Metro)	2,003.2	8,393.2
Calgary	1,382.6	3,228.2

*Industry groups do not sum to total due to confidentiality

Private and Public Investment — Intentions

	1986 ($ Millions)
Primary & Construction Industries	8,296.4
Manufacturing	896.9
Transp., Comm. & Utilities	2,486.5
Trade, Finance & Commercial Services	2,063.2
Housing	1,452.5
Institutions & Government Departments	2,645.2
TOTAL	17,840.7
Alberta Investment (%) of Canada, 1986	15.6
Per Capita Investment ($) — 1985[5] (actual)	
Alberta	7,031.1
Canada	4,327.6

Value of Construction Work Purchased — Intentions

	1986 ($ Millions)
Building Construction	
Residential	1,452.5
Industrial	154.0
Commercial	1,210.7
Institutional	649.4
Other Building	410.4
TOTAL	3,876.9
Engineering Construction	
Road, Highway & Aerodrome	796.9
Waterworks & Sewage	354.4
Electric Power Construction	423.7
Railway, Telephone & Telegraph	346.8
Gas & Oil Facilities	5,183.8
Dams, Irrigation & Marine	182.4
Other Engineering	659.4
TOTAL	7,947.5
TOTAL ALL CONSTRUCTION	11,824.4

Value of Building Permits

	1975 ($ Thousands)	1985 ($ Thousands)
Airdrie	1,145	4,571
Calgary	391,313	474,279
Camrose	13,280	10,531
Drumheller	4,984	2,159
Edmonton (Proper)	303,076	476,039
Fort McMurray	43,325	34,452
Fort Saskatchewan	10,667	2,942
Grande Prairie	12,403	19,074
Leduc	5,758	24,179
Lethbridge	43,874	103,377
Lloydminster*	8,921	33,009
Medicine Hat	33,834	65,383
Red Deer	25,858	38,308
St. Albert	20,908	32,619
Spruce Grove	9,521	5,433
Wetaskiwin	6,357	5,911
TOTAL 16 CITIES	935,224	1,332,266
TOTAL ALBERTA	1,271,397	1,798,079

*Includes Alberta and Saskatchewan portions

Farm Cash Receipts

	1975 ($ Millions)	1985p ($ Millions)
Total Crops	986.7	1,952.9
Total Livestock & Products	891.1	1,813.0
Cattle & Calves	591.3	1,170.1
Hogs	131.4	245.9
Sheep & Lambs	3.9	6.7
Dairy Products	87.9	229.2
Poultry	36.2	88.6
Eggs	26.3	46.0
Other Livestock & Products	14.0	26.4
Other	20.9	64.9
TOTAL	1,898.7	3,830.7

Value of Mineral Production — 1985p

	($ Millions)	(%)
Petroleum Crude	15,786.9	57.7
Natural Gas	7,278.5	26.6
Natural Gas By-Products	2,687.2	9.8
Coal	458.5	1.7
Sulphur (Elemental)	851.8	3.1
Sand & Gravel	109.0	0.4
Cement	118.8	0.4
Other	55.3	0.2
TOTAL	27,346.0	100.0

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Health Care Institutions — March, 1985

	No.
Public General Hospitals	124
Federal General Hospitals	2
Mental Health Hospitals	2
Auxiliary Hospitals	41
Nursing Homes	85
Ambulatory Care Facilities	5

Educational Institutions — 1984/85

	No.	Full-Time Enrolment
Public & Separate Schools (Grades 1 - 12)	1,535	420,751
Public Colleges	10	16,340
Technical Institutes	3	11,582
Universities	5	41,423
Vocational Centres	4	16,176
Specialized Schools	2	1,640
Private Colleges	4	1,288
Hospital Based Schools of Nursing	6	1,523

Education Diplomas/Degrees By Level 1984/85

	No.
Secondary School Graduates	22,779
Community College Graduates	9,340
Bachelor's & First Professional Degrees	7,336
Master's Degrees	1,007
Post Graduate Diplomas & Certificates	259
Earned Doctorates	189

COMMUNICATION

	No.
Telephone Subscriber Lines in Service, 1986	1,111,525
T.V. Broadcasting Stations, 1986	126
A.M. & F.M. Radio Broadcasting Stations, 1986	151
Daily Newspapers, 1986	9
Weekly Newspapers, 1986	131

TRANSPORTATION

Railways — 1986

	Trackage (Kilometres)
Canadian Pacific Railway	4,175.4
Canadian National Railway	5,527.1
TOTAL	9,702.5

Major Airlines

Served by Air Canada, Canadian Pacific, Pacific Western, Wardair, Time Air, Northwest Airlines, Western Airlines, America West and United Airlines. These airlines serve major Alberta cities, providing regularly scheduled flights to points in Canada, United States, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Highways and Roads — March, 1986

	(Kilometres)
Paved	17,612
Oil Treated	9,615
Gravelled	105,075
Graded	19,017
TOTAL	151,319

Motor Vehicle Registrations — March, 1986

	No.
Passenger Vehicles	1,278,710
Commercial Vehicles	396,897
Trailers	303,131
Motorcycles	46,446
Buses	5,936
Off-highway Vehicles	38,949
Other Vehicles	14,312
TOTAL	2,084,381

TOURISM

Tourism Receipts (est.)	1975 ($ Millions)	1985 ($ Millions)
Alberta Residents	402.5	1,046.1
Other Canadians	152.9	782.5
U.S. Residents	85.0	223.1
Overseas Travellers	24.7	81.9
TOTAL	665.1	2,133.6

Passenger Counts for National Parks — 1985

	No.
Banff (East Gate)	4,164,464
Banff (David Thompson)	210,837
Elk Island	327,911
Jasper	1,989,943
Waterton Lakes	609,723
TOTAL	7,302,878

Parks by Type — 1986	Area (Hectares)	No.
National Parks		
Banff	664,089	
Elk Island	19,430	
Jasper	1,087,815	
Waterton Lake	52,581	
Wood Buffalo*	4,480,761	
TOTAL	6,304,676	5
Provincial Parks	125,080	61
Wilderness Areas**	560,660	4
Natural Areas	17,363	96

*Includes land area in N.W.T.
**Includes Willmore Wilderness Park

NOTE: Numbers in brochure may not add due to rounding.

p - Preliminary est. - Estimate

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